

Invasive Plants of Cottonwood Creek



Tamarisk Family

a.k.a. Salt Cedars

(*Tamarix aphylla*, *T. chinensis*, *T. gallica*,
T. parviflora, and *T. ramosissima*)

🌳 woody shrub or small tree,
native to N. Africa & M. East



- 🌳 intro to Western U.S. as ornamental
- 🌳 slender branches with gray-green foliage, form dense thickets 12-50 ft. in height
- 🌳 long tap roots allow them to intercept deep water tables
- 🌳 spreads by adventitious roots or submerged stems, and by flowering
- 🌳 can produce thousands of tiny seeds contained in a small capsule